FISCAL NOTE

SB 1181 - HB 832

March 27, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes school board members of local education agencies participating in the Local Education Plan to enroll in health insurance. Requires payment of total monthly premium by each board member that chooses to participate in the plan.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- a not significant increase in state expenditures due to administrative costs associated with processing information and claims for new applicants and enrollees.
- a not significant increase in local government revenues based on premiums collected from school board members who become eligible and elect to participate in the plan.
- a not significant increase in local government expenditures based on increased plan costs for benefits provided to school board members who enroll in the plan.
- based on information provided by the Division of Insurance Administration, in the Department of Finance and Administration, the Local Education Plan conducted an open enrollment for school board members in 1998 based upon legislation adopted that year. Approximately 12 individuals joined the plan before the July 1, 1998 cutoff.
- since board members would be required to pay the entire monthly premium, it is likely that only those members who have identified a need for health coverage would elect to participate.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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